

him the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering this great American hero and thanking his family for his service.

RECOGNIZING MR. WALTER F. MORRIS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Mr. Walter F. Morris on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. Morris is a Central Florida resident and veteran of World War II. During the war, Mr. Morris bravely served as a B-17 navigator, flying 30 missions over Europe.

World War II veterans, regarded as "The Greatest Generation," have demonstrated heroic commitment to preserving the freedom and prosperity of our nation. Their sacrifices and their families' sacrifices defeated the forces of tyranny and advanced freedom to millions of people. We, the United States and future generations of Americans, owe World War II veterans a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid but is remembered and honored in our daily lives.

It is my distinct pleasure, as a representative of the people of Central Florida, to recognize Mr. Morris and all members of America's Armed Forces for their dedication of service to our country.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. JAMIE ROSHON

HON. PATRICK MEEHAN

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the country's finest early childhood educators. Ms. Jamie Roshon is a preschool teacher at the Pottstown KinderCare Learning Center in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Jamie is being honored this year with the Knowledge Universe Early Childhood Educator Award. She is one of only 10 preschool educators in the nation being honored with this award.

At the Pottstown KinderCare Learning Center, Jamie is dedicated to teaching children aged two and three years old. Throughout her thirteen year tenure at the Pottstown Center, she has become an invaluable asset to her students, their families, and her fellow faculty members. This honor testifies to how Jamie's efforts each day in the classroom are making a profound difference in our children's lives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ms. Jamie Roshon for her excellent work enriching the lives of young children, and I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR TOM HANAFAN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor Tom Hanafan of Council Bluffs, Iowa and to honor his storied career of leadership and public service.

A Council Bluffs native since birth, Tom was born in 1947 and was raised on the city's west side. Mr. Hanafan graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1965 and received a bachelor's degree in history and government from the University of South Dakota at Vermillion in 1969. Following graduation, Tom completed an 18-year career in sales before successfully running for city council in 1982. Six years later in 1988, Tom Hanafan was sworn in as Mayor Hanafan. Over the past 25 years, he has been reelected by the good people of Council Bluffs a total of six times making him the longest-serving mayor of any major city in the state of Iowa.

Throughout his time in office, Mayor Hanafan ushered in a new era for Council Bluffs and has transformed the city into the thriving community it is today. Mayor Hanafan's tenure will be remembered, in part, for its many successes in local economic development. This included the construction of the Mid-America Center, investments by major companies such as Google and Bass Pro Shops, and the establishment of numerous entertainment and shopping venues that have invigorated the Council Bluffs economy.

Mayor Hanafan has also helped lead his city through difficult times. During his first year on the job, the tornado of 1988 upended Council Bluffs, damaging property and injuring dozens of citizens. Tom worked, quite literally, around the clock, forgoing sleep to assist his neighbors and the city's recovery. Most recently in 2011, disaster struck again when record snow and rainfall caused the historic flooding of the Missouri River. During my visit to the area during this troubling time, I was able to witness Mayor Hanafan's resilience and leadership firsthand as he coordinated with state and federal offices to help his city recover.

Mr. Speaker, Mayor Hanafan's years of honorable service and the positive impact he has had on his community simply cannot be overstated and provides a great example for local elected officials throughout our nation. For the past 25 years, Mayor Hanafan has utilized the renowned Iowa work ethic every day to better serve his neighbors and it is a great honor to represent him, and all of the citizens of Council Bluffs, in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in thanking Mayor Hanafan, congratulating him on his truly stellar career, and wishing both him and his wife, Shirley, the best of luck as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

CELEBRATING OSKAR KNOBLAUCH'S 2013 CHARACTERS UNITE AWARD HONORABLE MENTION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating Oskar Knoblauch's 2013 Characters Unite Award honorable mention. This award is presented by the USA Network to those who have made considerable achievements improving civil and human rights within their communities.

Mr. Knoblauch's story is nothing short of incredible. As an adolescent, he was a victim of the holocaust. Relying on relationships and intellect, he and his siblings survived the horrors of this abominable era. Today Mr. Knoblauch has overcome the scars of his past and is using them to encourage tolerance and fight prejudice. He travels the country to give presentations, and has written a novel about his ordeal for those he cannot reach through speeches. Oskar Knoblauch has dedicated himself to preventing the same evils that he experienced.

My constituent, Mr. Knoblauch, is an outstanding example of character, service, and triumph. It is my utmost privilege to represent him in Congress. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Oskar Knoblauch on this exceptional honor and in supporting him in his continuing efforts to increase respect and understanding across our nation and around the world.

IN HONOR OF JACK POWELL

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks in honor of Jack Powell, who tragically passed away at the age of 80, the day after celebrating his 55th anniversary with his wife Mary.

Jack was born in Roanoke, Virginia. He attended Morningside Elementary, Stonewall Jackson Junior High, and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1952. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy for a four-year tour of duty during the Korean Conflict. Jack returned from serving his country, and then began serving the community as a Roanoke police officer.

In 1957, Jack began working as a Virginia State Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge. From the 35 years he spent as a "Revenuer," arresting moonshiners and chasing bootleggers across Southwest Virginia, Jack had countless stories to tell, many of which he wrote in several books that pay tribute to whiskey-makers and those who pursued them. For example, while working undercover, Jack was once was jailed in Marion when he was unable to convince authorities that he was actually on their team. Jack narrowly escaped rattlesnakes, dodged bullets, and carried with him his trusty ax he named "The Devil."

He cherished his work upholding the law, loved to share his stories, and was an accomplished author, speaker, and storyteller. As